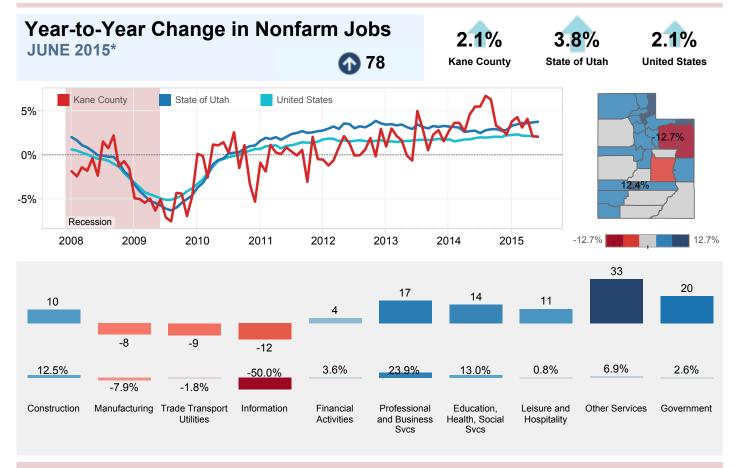
# **ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT**



# Kane County

**Updated 11/3/2015**Utah Department of Workforce Services



# How's the economy?

While Kane County's employment growth rate took a step back in the second quarter of 2015, the county did mark its second straight year of improving job totals. In concert with slower job growth, joblessness ticked up slightly. However, job growth remains moderate and unemployment remains low from an historical perspective. First-time claims for unemployment insurance barely registered in early autumn but will soon show the typical seasonal increase. Total permitted construction values are also up this year. Coupled with strong sales growth, all indicators point to a healthy Kane County economy.

### Jobs

Between June of 2014 and June 2015, Kane County created almost 80 new jobs for a growth rate of just over 2 percent.

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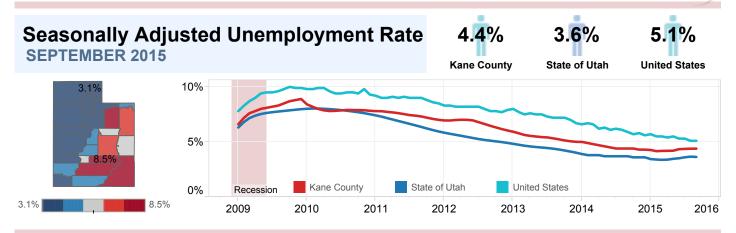
Although slower than in previous months, Kane County's job growth matched the national average.

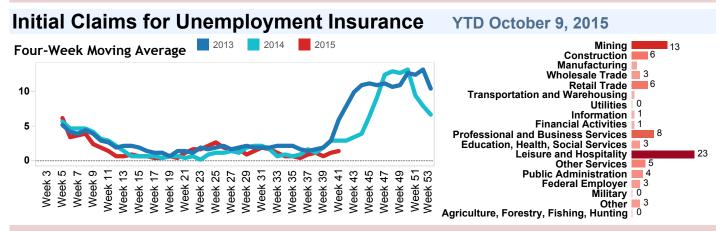
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Other services, professional/business services and healthcare/social services generated the highest number of new jobs.

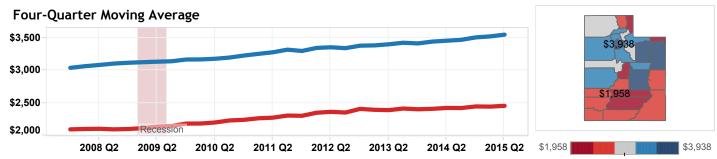
Overall employment gains were hampered by losses in manufacturing and information.

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# Unemployment and Wages

Kane County's jobless rate measured 4.4 percent in September 2015, unchanged from September 2014.

Current unemployment rates persist at historically low levels and dropping rates much more would likely put undue pressure on the labor market.

First-time claims for unemployment insurance held in their typical low autumn pattern but should increase as the tourist season ends.

So far in 2015, leisure and hospitality services have generated the largest number of new unemployment insurance claims.

Average monthly wages for nonfarm employment continue to slowly increase.



















<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Utah Deparment of Workforce Services. Utah State Tax Commission.

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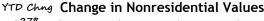
# **Construction Permitting JANUARY - JULY 2015**



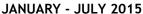
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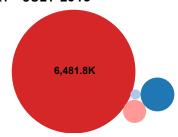












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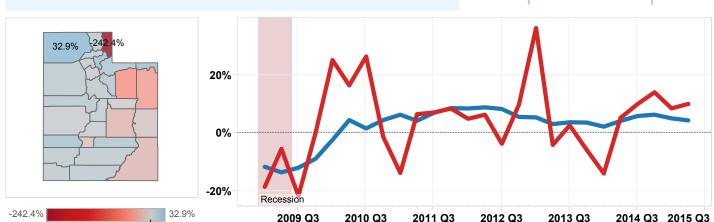
#### **Year-to-Year Change In Gross Taxable Sales SECOND QUARTER 2015** Kane County



**Kane County** 

State of Utah

\$10.0%



## Construction and Sales

Although the number of permits for new dwelling units is down 27 percent for the first seven months of 2015, the value of those permits increased 76 percent.



Overall, permit values are up 49 percent when the first seven months of 2014 and 2015 are compared.



Gross taxable sales continued to make strong gains with a 10-percent increase between the second quarters of 2014 and 2015.



Sales proved particularly strong in accommodations and food services pointing to a strong tourist season.



## Nonfarm Jobs by Month SECOND QUARTER 2015\*

April 2015 May 2015 June 2015 Year-Ago Year-Ago Year-Ago Year-Ago Year-Ago Year-Ago Total Sector and Industry Percent Numeric **Total Jobs** Percent Numeric **Total Jobs** Percent Numeric Jobs Change Change Change Change Change Change TOTAL 3,240 4.1% 129 3,481 3,721 2.1% 78 **GOODS PRODUCTION** 179 4.1% 7 180 5.9% 10 186 0.0% 0 Construction 79 14.5% 10 80 19.4% 13 90 12.5% 10 Manufacturing 97 0.0% 0 96 -2.0% 93 -7.9% -8 -2 SERVICE PRODUCTION 3,061 4.2% 122 3,301 2.0% 64 3,535 2.3% 78 **Trade Transport Utilities** 440 0.9% 480 0.4% 2 491 -1.8% -9 Wholesale Trade 30 -6.3% -2 32 0.0% 0 30 -11.8% -4 350 1.4% 5 386 0.3% 1 397 -0.3% **Retail Trade** 28 3.7% 30 15.4% 32 6.7% 2 Transportation and Warehousing Information 13 -43.5% -10 12 -47.8% -11 12 -50.0% -12 **Financial Activities** 8.6% 9 1.8% 2 116 3.6% 112 4 114 85 Finance and Insurance 82 5.1% 4 80 -2.4% -2 1.2% 1 Real Estate and Rental and Leasing 32 18.5% 5 32 14.3% 4 31 10.7% 3 90 42 9% 27 90 36 4% 24 88 23.9% 17 **Professional and Business Svcs** Professional/Scientific/Techn Srvcs 47 42.4% 14 46 39.4% 13 45 28.6% 10 **Management of Companies** 0 0 0 0 0 0 Administrative Support/Waste 43 43.3% 13 44 33.3% 11 43 19.4% 7 Mgmnt Education, Health, Social Svcs 104 -4.6% -5 114 -2.6% -3 122 13.0% 14 **Educational Services** 0 0 0 0 0 0 104 -4.6% -5 114 -2.6% -3 122 13.0% 14 **Health Care and Social Services** 6.3% 63 3.0% 35 0.8% Leisure and Hospitality 1.063 1.219 1.420 11 Arts, Entertainment and Recreation 59 0.0% 0 92 7.0% 6 101 11.0% 10 **Accommodation and Food Services** 1,004 6.7% 63 1,127 2.6% 29 1,319 0.1% Other Services 499 5.5% 26 509 4.7% 23 511 6.9% 33 738 1.1% 8 765 -1.0% -8 775 2.6% 20 Government -7 79 -6.0% -5 97 -6.7% 100 -7.4% -8 **Federal** State 1.4% 74 0.0% 0 73 1.4% 2.1% 12 594 -0.2% 602 4.7% 27 Local 585 -1

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding and the exclusion of confidential data. Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

<sup>\*</sup> Not included in total.